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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO  
ACQUIRING ARMS FROM IRAN

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Classified By: Ambassador William J. Garvelink for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (S) DCM and poloff delivered reftel points on August 3 to Prince Kaumba, National Security Advisor to President Kabila. Kaumba expressed gratitude for the conveyance of the message ("we thank you for pointing out to us any possible violations of international law") but did not confirm or dispute reftel allegations. He said he had no personal knowledge of DRC interest in Iranian arms but would make inquiries within the GDRC and contact us with any new information. He speculated that U.S. concerns might be the result of the GDRC's inability to quickly bring its policy into line with its international commitments, i.e. UNSCR 1747. DCM left a French translation of non-paper with Kaumba.

12. (S) Comment: Kaumba remained non-chalant throughout the delivery of the demarche and did not contest the allegations. He did, however, quickly transition to the topic of the Secretary's visit to the DRC, clearly not wanting to linger on the subject of the demarche. End comment.  
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